GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1260
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SHORTAGE OF ANESTHETISTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether shortage of Anesthetists has been identified as one of the major causes of high maternal mortality rate (MMR) in the country;

(b) if so, the efforts being made by the Government to overcome the shortage of Anesthetists;

(c) whether there is any proposal with the Government for training the doctors in administering anesthesia in difficult deliveries, trauma cases, etc.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) Shortage of Anaesthetists particularly in rural areas have been identified as one of the major bottleneck in operationalizing the First Referral Units for providing emergency obstetric care to the pregnant women. .. ..

(b) to (d) A short term training programme of 18 weeks for MBBS doctors in life saving anesthetic skills for emergency obstetric care has been devised and the State Governments have been requested to identify the medical colleges for imparting training and also the First Referral Units where these trained doctors can be posted.